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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow States to provide coverage under medicaid for the costs of prescription drugs for qualified medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11 (legislative day, APRIL 19), 1993

Mr. CHAFEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prescription Drug Pur-
5 chasing Assistance for Older Americans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OPTIONAL STATE MEDICAID COVERAGE OF COSTS**
2 **OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR QUALIFIED**
3 **MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(p) of the Social Se-
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(p)) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(5)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
8 title, in a State which provides medical assistance for pre-
9 scribed drugs under section 1905(a)(12), the State may
10 provide to—

11 “(i) a qualified medicare beneficiary, or

12 “(ii) an individual who would be such a bene-
13 ficiary but for the fact such an individual’s income
14 exceeds the income level established by the State
15 under paragraph (2) or section 1902(a)(10)(E), but
16 is less than 200 percent of the official poverty line
17 described in paragraph (2),

18 benefits for prescribed drugs in the same amount, dura-
19 tion, and scope as the benefits made available under the
20 State plan for individuals described in section
21 1902(a)(10)(A)(i).

22 “(B) A State electing to provide benefits for prescrip-
23 tion drugs to an individual described in subparagraph
24 (A)(ii) may charge a premium or co-payment to such indi-
25 vidual for such benefits but such premium or co-payment

1 may not exceed 5 percent of such individual's gross in-
2 come.".

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall become effective with respect to pay-
5 ments for calendar quarters beginning on or after January
6 1, 1994, without regard to whether or not final regulations
7 to carry out such amendment have been promulgated by
8 such date.

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